bay, Calcutta, Madras & Delhi, the 4th Central Pay Commission had recommended that posts of Jt. Chief Controller of Imports & Exports in these four offices may be given the pay scale of Rs. 4500—5700.

(b) To give effect to these recommendations, necessary orders placing the posts of JCCI&E in the regional offices at Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi in the scale of pay of Rs. 4500—5700 w.e.f. 1.1.86 were issued *vide* Ministry of Finance's Notification No. F. 15(7)IC/86, dated 13.3.87.

Recommendations of Committee for Covering of Export Promotion Activities

2619. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Trade Fair Authority of India to create an Umbrella organisation to cover export promotion activities of TFAI, TDA, FIEO, Export Promotion Councils; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made, so far, by the Committee?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Committee has not given its recommendations so far.

Trade Agreement or Protocol with USSR

2620. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Trade Agreement or Protocol entered with USSR for 1991 together with quantities and values of products involved; and

(b) whether similar Trade Protocols for 1992 are likely to be entered either jointly or separately with the USSR or the Russian Federation and other erstwhile USSR States, if so, what are the details of quantum of export-import, value and quantity of each product involved, period of validity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Trade Protocol entered into with USSR for 1991 provides for import from USSR of Rs. 43300 million and export to USSR of Rs. 50810 million. The items of import from USSR include machinery equipment and spares, crude oil and petroleum products, fertilisers, chemicals and pharmaceutical products, steel products, nonferrous metals etc. and the items for export to USSR include agricultural products, minerals and ores, chemicals and allied products, leather and leather manufactures, textiles, engineering goods etc.

(b) Efforts are being made to sign Trade Protocols for 1992 with the Soviet Union and its Republics as early as possible. The actual details about this Protocol would be available only after the Trade Protocols are signed.

Indo-Mauritius Trade

2621. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether areas have been identified for the expansion of Indo-Mauritius trade;

(b) if so, what are these areas;

(c) whether any trade relation have been established in the past;

(d) if so, the fields in which Indo-Mauritius trade started in the past; and

(e) what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. These include auto components, bicycles, and parts, toilet articles/cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, chemicals plastics, wheat/wheat flour, books leather and leather products, household appliances, travel goods, etc.

(c) to (e) Trade relations between the two countries are centuries old. Trade in